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A GENERAL IN THE RANKS.

The decision of the Hon, Harry St.

is lightened by his declaration that ularly elected commission. rally at the back of the Virginian who, President of these United States.

They that battle for progress in Nicipalities.

Virginia greet with glad acclaim Mr.

The process of obtaining a full meas-Tucker's declaration that the great ure of municipal home rule in Virginia

advocate are:

State antitrust legislation.

Legalized primaries. Corrupt practices act.

he officers. A. .. Tax equalization.

strong candidates in the race, there will still be constructive work in this dican render lasting service to the State municipalities with equal facility.

OUR NATIONAL BEVERAGE.

in an article in the Pharmaceutical executive, but from the whole country Tira, declares that its history, from the as well.

an American institution, national in

goblets held in a layer of carbon and without being swamped by the dioxide on the top of a fermenting social requirements of the positions. mash in a brewery vat.

"Although it is to an English scienbeverage" is due

MUNICIPAL REFORM GRADUAL. The provision in the recently adopted George Tucker not to enter the next form of municipal government amendrace for the governorship of Virginia ment to the Constitution of Virginia, brings intense regret to the hosts who expressly retaining the present mode expected to rally behind his flag. As- of selecting clerks of courts, commissured of the support of not only the sioners of the revenue, city treasurers, loyal legions who have stood by him city sergeants and Commonwealth's abroad." Frederick R. Coudert, the from the beginning, but also of a vast attorneys, is an "insuperable bar" to noted international lawyer, is quoted army of recruits, after long deliber- the attainment of real commission gov- in the New York Evening Post as deation he has reached the conclusion ernment in Virginia, in the opinion of claring that "President Wilson's plea that he can do his best fighting as a C. P. Shaw, chairman of the executive is peculiarly timely and will enable the private soldier of the common good committee of the Commission Govern- association to continue with renewed and not as a seeker after office. Late ment League of Norfolk. In a letter confidence its campaign for larger apprecedents doubtless heartened him to elsewhere published in this issue, he propriations, so that in a reasonably make a second race for the governor- declares that "the provision in the short time the United States may posship, but he is of opinion that the amendment requiring the election by sess suitable embassies and homes for place for him is in the ranks, believ- popular vote of all the fee officeholders its ambassadors in the world capitals." place for him is in the ranks, believing that the people will be more receptive to the principles for which he contends if he advocates them simply for in that plan the commission-plan, for in the world capitals."

The Lowden bill appropriated \$500,000, leaving it within the power of the amounts as the average Congressman knows about the machine as the average Congre contends if he advocates them simply plan, for in that plan the commissionas a public-spirited citizen who is not sibility, are the only officers to be elected by popular vote." This is establishments. Under this plan the he supposed was the carburetor, and The sorrow that is felt by those who hoped to cast their ballots for him officers should be appointed by the pop-

enthusiasm and wherever I can help is not lost simply because the officers in advancing the cause of progressive exempted in the new amendment are chine in this State, that, failing to de- toriously inefficient, they could ob- high honor and dignity to a small arisfeat Wilson for the nomination for the struct the successful operation of com- tocracy of financial power. presidency, still seeks to continue to mission government. Is it not true intrench itself in power in the State, that if these officials were put on a I shall be ready to respond." That salary basis, instead of deriving their rings as true as his speech at the compensation in fees, they would be State Democratic Convention last May, shorn of all the undue power they now when in characteristic attitude and exercise? The law and finance dewhen in characteristic attitude and with characteristic boldness he plead-with characteristic boldness he pl ed with the Democrats of Virginia to ciently, and, as a practical matter, it without their support, has become under the jurisdiction of a commission would bring additional benefit to mu-

need of the Commonwealth is progres- has been and will be slow and gradual. will possess the authority and com- the method of amendment is as delibmand the respect of a field marshal erate and inflexible as ours. This business of the city. at the head of legions that are sweep- newspaper has been advocating a muing down the field in victory at last. nicipal home rule amendment for a States have tried the plan. Staunton, He can be a nighty power in securing long time. It believes, however, that In our own State, has a city manager, the legislative adoption of those poll- there is good in the amendment passed but it holds to a Mayor and Council the legislative adoption of those porgrown great, and without which Virginia but marks time. He will typify for a change in the form of its govginia but marks time. He will typify the citizen whom the State and nation most need—he who takes a part in politics commensurate with his abilities and training, without seeking ties and training, without seeking to a change in the form of its governments are directed by an elective council, which employs a request for alteration. The fee office-holders of this State have a red-hot content of the seeking to a change in the form of its governments are directed by an elective council, which employs a "magistrat" to execute its orders. The office is most desirable, since those who ties and training, without seeking fight on their hands now over the aboition of the fee system, and that ought to keep them too busy to inter- posts in larger cities. fere with changes in city govern-

tion as it would have been with two be to interest as many other Virginia utilize it in some shape. municipalities as possible in a move- in 1912 the South Carolina Legislament to secure a general municipal ture passed a special act to enable the

decidedly vital by reason of the diff-OUR NATIONAL BEVERAGE.

Soda water in its present form has in filling diplomatic posts of first rank. not been known as a healthful bever- The fact that only given men can serve age much longer than the life of some has evoked caustle criticism of such of our oldest inhabitants L. A. Becker, a condition, not only from the chief

point of view of the fountain owner. The American Embassy Association and operator, extends over no greater has revived its campaign for provision period than eighty years, while the by the government or permanent resigreatest development and most re- dences for ambassadors. At the next markable changes in the soda water session of Congress Secretary of State and soda fountain industry have been Bryan will submit a recommendation achieved in the last quarter of a cen- of policies for foreign legations, and the question of specific appropriations The soda fountain holds a unique may be brought up. If the matter is position in industry. It is an american not considered at the special session, invention, it has been perfected by sion. Before the issue is broached the American skill, it has been pushed by association hopes to have made a canscope. It has followed the flag into States, and each such organizationin the various cities of the United three years already. the Far East and invaded Mexico, there are more than 600 of them-will Canada, England and the Continent be asked to bring to bear as much In 1767, not long before the Ameri- pressure as possible upon the members | we remember that not even yet have can Revolution and five years before of Congress from its district. There is been sent to waiting and anxious the invention of the steam engine, strong hope that the time is near at more than a dozen names of victims

soda water. It was concected by pour- matic posts without having to pay the ing water back and forth between two greater part of their salaries in rent

The case of Dr. Charles W. Ellot, president emeritus of Harvard, is ditist and a Swedish chemist that the rectly in point. Four years ago he recognition of carbonic acid gas and declined the ambassadorship to Great perfection of methods of producing it Britain, and a few days ago he again perfection of methods of producing it are due, it remained for an American to invent and perfect a distinctive type of apparatus—the soda fountain—to of apparatus—the soda fountain—to that his private income would enable prepare, chill and dispense carbonated him to support an establishment in water, and at the same time provide London and to entertain upon the One Week. for the mechanical medium for mixing scale that has been customary with in palatable form the syrups, flavors the London embassy. Many other men and fruits used in conjunction with of brains and special fitness have been carbonated water to produce what is turned away from our diplomatic ser-Enteher January 27, 1905, at Richmond, Va., known as soda water," comments Mr. vice because they did not feel that Becker. It is to Americans that the they could afford to enter upon its popularity of the "great American work. The result has been that in some instances diplomatic posts have gone to men whose sole apparent qualification was their wealth.

Half of the battle for reform in the diplomatic service was won in the passage last year of the Lowden bill, providing for "the purchase or erection, within certain limits of cost, of embassy, legation and consular buildings amounts as he deemed best for use of where the money may best be spent.

visible government in Virginia, Hear sion principle to municipal govern- to secure for our important embassies third. him; "In this fight I shall engage with ment, it feels at the same time that all and ministries the service of men of moderate means. The inevitable result fourth. is that it is necessary to select our candidates for the Legislature, and in still to be elected by the people. It diplomats from the wealthier class. candidates for the Legislature, and in still to be elected by the people. It exposing the hidden hand of the mados not seem that even were they nothing in this State, that, failing to detected by the people. It diplomats from the wealthier class. That is undemocratic; it limits posts of whilliker," said the sixth. But by this time the young man

> It is not essential that ambassadors should make a great display, but they ought to have official homes that are positions and the dignity of the country. They ought not to have to pay is not clear to us that their inclusion field of diplomacy. Some reform is imperative; the present situation has directed national attention to evils that can and should be avoided.

SUMTER'S CITY MANAGER.

Sumter, S. C., a city of 10,000 popusive legislation. In their ranks he Drastic constitutional changes cannot lation, has decided to experiment in may march with musket, but there he be effected in a day, especially when commission government. It has selected a city manager to conduct the

Other smaller cities in the United

The Louisville Courier-Journal di rects attention to the fact that in 1911 There can be no dissent from Mr. the Board of Trade of Lockport, N. Y., Shaw's belief that now is the time to petitioned the State Legislature for a Modification, limitation or abolition make preparations to initiate a muni. new charter providing for the election of the fee system of compensating pub-cipal home rule amendment in the of five commissioners, to be paid nomi-General Assembly of 1914. It may be nal salaries and to conduct the affairs also desirable that Richmond and Nor- of the city through an appointive city This platform embodies live issues, folk confer as to legislation which will manager. The plan received wide puband it is a matter for general rejoic. enable them to alter their forms of licity, but Lockport did not succeed ing that, although the next guberna- government when they see fit, but to in obtaining the desired charter. Other torial contest will probably not be The Times-Dispatch it seems that the cities, however, saw that the idea of such an extensive campaign of educa. most practical course to follow would the plan was good, and have tried to

home rule amendment. Such a con- people of Sumter to choose between General for such airing of issues. Mr. Tucker apply to the smallest and the largest latter. The Sumter commissioners re-

originated. Upon the following evening, after the return from mess hall, a goodly number of old cadets and about all the rats rehearsed the yell in the courtyard just opposite number 12, the yell being officially heard for the first time on the following Saturday during the game with the university." Evidently the cheermaster was an uncommonly good one,

asters can be better appreciated when Dr. Joseph Priestly, at Beeds, England, made the first glass of drinkable and high attainments can accept diplo-

for the yell has lasted for twenty-

On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

Ask Tom Marshall. Of all the things I'd like to be-

There would be nothing much to do The pay is not so bad, No journalists would hang around To roast each whim and fad.

To drive a feller mad.

He could just loaf around the house And not dress up at all. For no one ever has been known To bore him with a call. And he could wear the same necktie From early spring till fall.

No bill collectors ever could Locate him if they tried. "Tis doubtful if the papers would Find out that he had dled, And no one cares if he has told The truth or simply lied.

They talk about the simple life That brings peace and content; The joy of being all alone, A boon that's Heaven sent. The simplest method known is just

To be Vice-President.

What Was the Matterf What Was the Matterf
The automobile gave one final despairing heave and stopped dead still
near the park. The young man whose
father owned the machine climbed down and looked it over, rolled up his sleeves and got busy. He knew as much about the machine as the

passed on. The young man got busy with what

the will still be one of those who actively wage war on the forces of inin the full application of the commisin the full applicatio "It's the feed pipe," suggested a

> Your ignition is wrong," said a "You've dropped the ash pan," ventured the fifth.

had everything apart but the frame and the wheels, and his car was scattered over half of the park lawn. Finally he had a glimmering of an idea and telephoned for a mechanician. compatible with the loftiness of their The expert arrived, unscrewed the cap of the gasolene tank, gave a disgusted snort, and said:

And the garage repair bill was

Faithful.

You may dine on raw onions, Consume the lemon peet; And on coughdrops and peanuts You may make a meal.

You may shampoo your head and Use hairoil that's stout, And bathe till you're too weak To amble about.

You may rub on strong perfumes
And change your attire And throw all your old clothes Right into the fire.

You can stand in the wind at The top of Pike's Peak And let the breez, whistle

About you a week. You may gargle your throat with Pure formaldehyde And may take any other Precaution beside.

You may try every treatment And do what you will, ut the scent of the cocktail Will stick to you still.

Voice of the People

rection through valuable discussion of stitutional alteration should be so broad and comprehensive that it will city manager plan. They selected the by popular vote of all the fee office

Lafe Bud has refused th' agency

WHAT THE DOG GOT



shall have been overcome, and the voters, asserting their manhood, shall rebel against our present political tyranny, the first step towards attaining the commission form of charter for our Virginia cities will be the adoption of a suitable amendment to the State Constitution, under which, in those cities which desire to adopt the real commission plan, the fee office-holders will be made appointive. Delholders will be made appointive. Delegates should be elected to the next.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—In your editorial, entitled the Legislature of 1916 and be voted on by the people in the fail of that ing to Do About It?" which appeared year. If it should be drawn, as a ing to Do About It?" which appeared in your issue of the 22d instant, you present overwhelming reasons for the adoption of the commission form of charter by our Virginia cities. Unafortunately, in your comments on the amendment to the State Constitution in regard to municipal government which was adopted last November, you do not note the insuperable bar to the attainment of this great desideratum.

You say of this amendment that under it 'our municipalities are enabled to choose any form of government they conditions under the recent very under the recent very under the conditions under the recent very under the re This statement desirable constitutional amendment For cities of over 50,000, viz., Rich-nond and Norfolk, the amendment provides that the Legislature may grant

apply to the smallest and the largest can render lasting service to the State municipalities with equal facility.

It is high time that our cities and picture of an enlightened interest in the great question that must be solved right, if common good is to be served.

The people of Virginia have just cause for congratulating themselves that Mr. Tucker's exit from the next public service, where it is allowed the protate cities of public service, where it is allowed the protate cities are conditioned of the same time of an entry fine a larger and finer fine dorsement to make the limitations of office at teach the important but officing to less that the fine petitive of security protection of the same fine the last the same fine the best type of public servant.

Starlight Under Southern Skies. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—"The children's hour," the time
between the twilight and the darkness,
has come, and millions of devoted ones,
"through with the day's occupation,"
full of hope and love, unite in happy
family circles around their respective
firesides.

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egates should be elected to the next Legislature pledged to work and vote for the passage of a joint resolution proposing such an amendment.

Of course, this resolution, if passed in 1914, would have to be the passage of a joint resolution of an owl, the music of the mocking-bird "mellowing the soft balmy air" with its varied songs, the barking of the fox or the echoing notes of the distant whippoorwill.

Columbia, S. C.

QUERIES & **ANSWERS**

of Easter, and give dates of Easter Sunday from 1909 through 1913.
E. W. J. Please tell me how one fixes the date

The Query Column has printed the rules for fixing the date of Easter Sunday, and the briefest statement takes so much room that we are inclined to congratulate ourselves on our good nature in printing the matter again.

Of the ability and versatility of Mayor Alexite all are aware, but few know that he is the inventor of a college yell. Fred S. Greene, Virginia Military Institute, '90, explains in the latest issue of the V. M. I. Cadet that in 1890, a few days before the baseball game with the University of Virginia, 'George Ainslie, then first captain, 'George Ainslie, then first captain the fact that our 'bosses' and takes the climinates the 'boss'' and takes the c

Saxon clurches.

The dates you ask for are: April 15, April 7, March 30, April 12, April 33, April 15, March 31, April 19, April 11, March 27, April 16, April 7, March 23

Record of Buttles.

How could I obtain the record of the battles in which my father fought!
His name was Hiram M. Stywalt, and he was a member of the Twelfth Vir-

he was a member of the Twelfth Virginia Infantry.
CLAUDE STYWALT,
1185 Second Avenue, New York City.
Your father was a member of Company B, Twelfth Virginia, and served to the end of the war. Consequently his record is probably that of the company, and if you will write to Col. Joseph V. Bidgood, Secretary of Virginia Military Records, Richmond, Va., he can tell you about what engagements the company took part in.

Mixed Marriages.

Suppose a white person and a negro were married at a place where such marriage was legal, would they have the legal right to live together in the release. COMMERCE | other places? Not necessarily.

Views of the Virginia Editors

Thinking that all women were prac ical and sensible like our mountain women, we were at hist for universal woman suffrage. After we read about the way the London suffragettes did in defying courts, destroying property and going to jail, we decided that the women of the United States should the only ones germitted to east a ballot. Now that notoriety seeking trip from New York to Washington, and the frills and looney stunts pulled off by the women who participated in the inaugural parade, convinces us that only the mountain women of Vir-ginia should ever be allowed to vote in general ejections, and we would cluded from that bunch-unless changes her politics .- Sandy Valley

Bird Gourmands As instances of the amount of food some birds consume, the Rev. C. T. Phillips, vicar of Ivegill, a well known Cumberland naturalist, the other day found in the crop of a woodpigeon he shot, 140 beechnuts, whilst another

woodpigeon had devoured more finely-chopped turnip leaves than he could old in the palm of his hand .- Luxnen-Tax Reform Imperative.

here and hereabouts not only read in the Daily News about the report of Richmond grand jury, on the unfair and oppressive plan of taxation terms as well. very soon, reached the point of de-termination to relieve themselves of the unjust burden of arbitrary taxa-tion. Zounds! The writer would easily sacrifice his ownership interests in now for a chance to say what he thinks of the profligate expenditures of State and national governments. "Ain't" you people glad he can't?— Bridgewater correspondence, Harrison

burg News. A Breath of Spring. The grass is looking green and the dandellons are in bloom.—Orange Ob-

Wilson, That's All,
Judging by the way they are being thrown down, some of the willing ones will soon want to know who the mat in diplomat.-Ledger-Dispatch,

Osler Joe, as given by the moving pictures, revived a sad and touching story, the fountain of many tears. Farmville Herald.

Yesitin. Timetocleanupthatbackyard - Bedford Bulletin,

National State and City Bank invites you to open an account, either subject to check or at 3% interest in its Savings Department CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$1,600,00000